

REMARKS

In the June 30, 2005 Office Action, (1) Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanson (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,861) and (2) Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being obvious over Hanson (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,861) in view of Blumberg et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0110515 A1).

Applicant does not agree with the rejections in the June 30, 2005 Office Action, based upon the prior art, and is canceling Claims 1 through 4 solely to expedite the issuance of the allowable subject matter in the present application. Applicant therefore reserves the right to present Claims 1 through 4 in non-amended form, in any continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part application.

Applicant thanks Examiner Mehrpour for her careful examination of the present application, and for her indication of allowable subject matter.

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CONCLUSION

All amendments place the current application in condition for allowance, and therefore the applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. MPEP § 714.12. If the Examiner has any questions or further issues that may be handled telephonically, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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